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- I. First two weeks sparring; and public presentation of Western and proposals - mutually unacceptable. Private meetings start Friday and only from them can we ascertain what chance of even limited agreement with the Soviets.
- II. Allied unity so far good. French tough. Germans tough but nervous. British standing firm, but sensitive over doubts about their firmness. Next week or so will be real test of allied unity - Gromyko so far moderate but Khrushchev publicly truculent.
- III. Soviets may be trying to outwait us. (vide their reticence on Berlin). We should be patient but also let them know privately United States won't sit forever in futile conference.
- IV. Areas of possible agreement sufficient to justify Summit Conference are limited, i.e.
 - a) Some procedural agreement to revive global disarmament talks.
 - b) Some interim and incomplete agreement on Berlin which must not involve any waiver or impairment of our legal rights of presence and access - nor any formal recognition of the GDR. Some expressed or implicit protection against unilateral action contrary to our interests should also be secured. Consider how to recognize Soviet fear of Germany (IRBM's?)
 - c) Possible establishment of a continuing high level four power commission, with German (East and West) advisors attached to it, might be agreed for purpose of furthering reunification. Possibly similar body for Berlin.

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d) Time, place and agenda for a Summit Conference.
(Geneva seems best compromise - late July or
early August best time). Participation to be
limited to U.K., French, Soviets and U.S.

V. Authority requested:

a) Wania Gromyko can't stay in Geneva forever
(2 weeks more?)

b) Break present Berlin proposal out of PACE stage to
negotiate on above basis.

c) Maintain link between reunification and regional
European security measures. (U.K. may try hard on
this.)

d) Maintain tough line on no negotiation under duress
and no summit in absence some progress at Foreign
Ministers.

e) Within above limits be patient.

VI. Other points:

a) Status of US Government Disarmament Study?

b) Status nuclear test talks.

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